



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Himmelsbach, F. et al) Art Unit: 1624
Serial No. : 10/016,280) Examiner: Patel, S.
Confirmation No. : 7351
Filed : December 10, 2001
For : Bicyclic heterocycles, pharmaceutical compositions
containing these compounds, their use and processes
for preparing them
Docket No. : 5/1262

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY WITH AMENDMENT UNDER 37 U.S.C. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 8, 2003, please consider the remarks and enter the amendments below. Submitted herewith is: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time for three months up to and including January 8, 2004, together with the necessary fee; (b) a copy of the Declaration for Utility or Design Application, in three counterparts; and (c) a new Application Data Sheet.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.